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328 Airmen were  
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around the  
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## 12th AF command visits Holloman



Photo by Senior Airman Russell Scalf

**Lt. Gen. Mark Schmidt (left), 12th Air Force commander, tours the German Air Force Flying Training Center Tornado simulator with GAF Col. Manfred Molitor, FTC commander, during the general's visit Feb. 3.**

## Schmidt, Johnson get 'one-on-one time' with wing

**by Tech. Sgt. Ray Bowden**  
*49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

Lt. Gen. Mark Schmidt, commander, 12th Air Force and U.S. Southern Command Air Forces, arrived at Holloman Feb. 1 for a three-day visit. Accompanying the general was his wife, Mrs. Lisa Schmidt, and 12th Air Force Command Chief Master Sgt. Wade Johnson.

During his official base visit to Holloman, General Schmidt said he enjoyed getting out and about on the wing and shaking hands with Holloman Airmen.

"It's my opportunity to come here, see what the wing is doing and recognize Holloman for what it does," he said. "It's one-on-one time with the wing."

General Schmidt was also on hand to discuss current force-shaping issues and the presidential budget proposal to retire the F-117A Nighthawk fleet by 2008.

According to General Schmidt, the Air Force's Force Shaping Program is a quality approach to doing business because it proactively approaches the issue of personnel overages and assists in phasing out antiquated missions.

"This is not a slash-and-burn approach," he said. "Force-shaping issues are the Air Force's way of addressing missions that have been assigned since the '60s and '70s the Air Force doesn't need anymore."

Current force-shaping measures will help the Air Force stay focused on the senior leadership's vision of instilling each Airman with the warrior spirit, Chief Johnson said.

"As we understand what it means to be an Airman training in a specialty, developing and adapting a warrior

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# F-117 has long legacy, yet change endures

by Brig. Gen. Kurt Cichowski  
49th Fighter Wing commander

Change – it's all around us, it's ongoing and it's inevitable. We can't escape it. Over the 59-year history of our service, we've seen aircraft, major commands – our very leaders – advance, adjust, burst into the limelight and fade away to become footnotes in our storied past. Each person, unit, platform and event was important in its own time; however, as technology, world events and monetary realities transpired, we changed to fit both the requirements of now and our vision of the future.

The President of the United States, with the input and concurrence of the Department of Defense and the Air Force, made a budget recommendation to Congress Monday. The proposal, among other things, advocates the retirement of the F-117A Nighthawk by fiscal year 2008, a full three years earlier than the previous end-of-program plan of FY 2011. This is the third consecutive year this weapon system has been recommended for cuts, but it's the first time we've seen a plan for retiring the entire fleet of stealth fighters within the next two years.

The F-117A is the world's only combat-proven, premier fighter aircraft able to provide the precision attack capability against highly defended targets necessary to execute a combatant commander's war plan. However, at this particular time in our nation's history and because of the fiscal realities of the present situation, retiring the aircraft supports the overall Air Force Transformation Plan of modernizing and recapitalizing an aging fleet.

The F-117A has the oldest average life of aircraft in the history of the Air Force. Moreover, we owe it to the American taxpayer to be good stewards of our tax dollars, and in this resource-restrained environment, this means we as a nation and an Air Force must make tough choices to ensure we remain the world's most respected service for the futures of our children and children's children. We need to make the transformation that reflects the changing world environment and harnesses the technological advantages the information revolution is currently making available.

The F-117A Nighthawk has a proud history. The Airmen assigned to Holloman and the members of our surrounding communities can be justifiably proud of the incredibly high standards we have kept and the contributions the "Black Jet" has made to America's defense. Our place in the annals of Air Force lore will be more than a mere footnote. However, with the availability of new technologies and within the tightly constrained monetary realities of today, it makes sense to retire this platform at this time in order to enable the recapitalization of other platforms more capable of taking the fight to any of America's enemies, day or night, no matter the air defense challenges being faced.

There will be another platform/mission to replace this magnificent aircraft here. Holloman is blessed with great weather, direct access to a large number of ranges and airspace, and enjoys perhaps the best community-base relationship experienced by any Air Force base. Whether the F-22A, the F-35, a present or new unmanned aerial vehicle, or some other platform is selected, with all the positives surrounding this base, any of these weapon systems would fit in nicely. Additionally, I know the civilian community will open its arms wide to any one of them, just like they did for the Nighthawk when it arrived in 1992.

I can't speak for what the Air Force will make as a decision, but I can say that whatever the choice, we will work closely with all Airmen, civilian workers, contractors and Alamogordo community members to make the transition as smooth as possible – just as we did when Holloman changed from the F-4 to F-15 and again from the F-15 to the F-117A. Holloman, and by association Alamogordo, is not tied to any one platform. The recent Base Realignment and Closure Commission validated that this base remains a viable asset to our nation's defense. The future of Holloman is not tied to the F-117A but to the next exciting platform that will be assigned here.

Make no mistake: the Nighthawk was worth every penny spent on it. The professionals that fly, maintain and support this platform are among the most competent, professional and dedicated we have in our, or any, Air Force. This proud fighter has proven itself

during combat in the skies over Panama, Baghdad and Belgrade, and time after time is the weapon system of choice when the toughest, most dangerous mission comes around. When it absolutely must be taken out overnight, call on the F-117A – we deliver any time, any where, every time.

We have a proud history and our legacy is safe in the pantheon of fighter history. However, just as we celebrate the 250,000 flying hour of this storied program this coming summer, realize the aircraft is a quarter of a century old. We don't use the same techniques on the fifth generation fighters being produced today that we did on this first generation stealth platform.

Change is inevitable. The question is "when do we take the steps to accept the inescapable?" The increased maintenance requirements and cost to keep this 1970s-designed aircraft in our stable are becoming prohibitive. New capabilities allow modern stealth platforms to take on the mission of penetrating highly defended targets during day or night and defend itself – something the Nighthawk can't do. As we focus on the ongoing Global War on Terror, while ensuring we provide superb support to all Airmen, we must recapitalize and review the overall need to keep legacy aircraft on the books as we bring on new platforms with transformational capabilities.

The President, based upon the recommendations of the Department of Defense and Air Force, feels the time to retire the F-117A is now. Just as Heraclitus said over 2,500 years ago, "Nothing endures but change," our job now evolves to supporting the decision our Congress makes concerning this proposal and accepting the mission destined for Holloman Air Force Base – just as we have done as a service for the past 59 years.

## For the record

In the Feb. 3 issue of the *Sunburst*, the article entitled "Back to Basic instructors set wing health standards" had Ms. Chinda Lucoski's name incorrectly spelled in a photo cutline. The staff apologizes for the error.

## DUI Update

Days since last DUI **10**

DUIs this year **1**

This week last year **2**

### Last six DUIs

- 49th FW Jan. 31
- 49th COM Dec. 30
- 49th OSS Dec. 29
- 49th MSS Dec. 26
- 49th MMS Dec. 25
- 49th AMXS Dec. 1

## 572-RIDE works!

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**48** Saves this year

**12** Saves this week



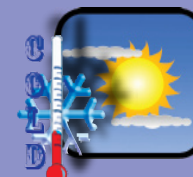
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TODAY



High: 56  
Low: 20  
SATURDAY



High: 56  
Low: 24  
SUNDAY



High: 60  
Low: 26  
MONDAY

Weather forecast provided by the  
49th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight.



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# Seven months of convoy operations is enough!

## *Deployed 49th LRS vehicle operators return from Iraq Feb. 2*

by Senior Airman Terri Barriere  
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Hugs and handshakes were exchanged in the El Paso International Airport when six 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron Airmen returned from a seven-month deployment to Iraq Feb. 2.

Several members of the 49th LRS and friends and family members of the deployed traveled more than an hour to ensure their troops were welcomed home.

Master Sgt. Scott Bahnub, 49th LRS vehicle operations superintendent, said greeting the Airmen in El Paso was the squadron's way of showing support for their hard work during the deployment.

Also along to show support was Chasity Waldrop who, though excited to reunite with husband Airman 1st Class Joe Waldrop, said this deployment experience wasn't as bad as she thought it would be because she knew he was doing an important job.

The welcome party didn't stop at the

airport as the Airmen were greeted by yet another group of familiar faces when they arrived back at Holloman.

Among the group were Col. Gail Colvin, 49th Mission Support Group commander, and Lt. Col. James McClellan, 49th LRS commander.

Both expressed overwhelming pride.

"I'm excited for them to be back," said Colonel Colvin. "I am proud to have young people here who are such great Americans."

Colonel McClellan said he is continuously amazed at the new challenges his Airmen are tackling. "It is a non-traditional role the Airmen are playing nowadays with the convoys. These Airmen, the Airmen they represent and the Airmen who will take over this mission are doing an outstanding job. They are true heroes."

For some of the returning Airmen, the "welcome wagon" was much-needed support. For others, just being back home was enough.

"It feels good to be back," said Airman 1st Class Roger Hallman, 49th LRS. "I don't have to worry about mortars or running around in extra gear anymore. Holloman is truly a sight for sore eyes and I'm glad to be back with the rest of my military family."

Senior Airman Mary Jane Salinas, also from the 49th LRS, agreed.

"It's kind of funny going from one desert to another, but this desert I think I can handle a little bit better. It's truly a blessing to be home," she said.

According to Capt. Rick Garcia, 49th LRS Vehicle Management Flight commander,

the Airmen served as vehicle operators in convoy operations for the duration of the deployment.



Photo by Senior Airman Terri Barriere

**Airman 1st Class Roger Hallman (left) chats with Lt. Col. James McClellan, 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, after returning to Holloman Feb. 2 following a seven-month deployment to Iraq as a vehicle operator.**

mind set - we may be asked to do something different in the future. We need to ready ourselves for that challenge,” he said. “For example, an Airman may be a crew chief today but might be needed tomorrow as a medic, a defender or combat controller.”

General Schmidt stressed that for officers, the force shaping affects only the 2002 and 2003 year groups, and only certain career fields. He also said the Air Force has offered active-duty service waivers and other incentives for those affected.

“We don’t want to do this every year, so the Air Force is moving people and filling openings,” he said.

Half of the career fields affected by the recent force shaping have already met their manning goals.

“We’re no longer accepting anyone’s application to voluntarily separate from those career fields,” General Schmidt said.

Flexibility appears to be the key when dealing with current Air Force force-shaping issues.

The bottom line, according to General Schmidt, is that the Air Force will still get the job done regardless of force-shaping issues.

“We will do more with less because we can,” he said.

Flexibility also comes into play when dealing with F-117A retirement issues.

“[Retiring the F-117A fleet] is a proposal,” said General Schmidt. “The Air Force has laid out a plan on how it can more effectively fight war. The money we currently spend on the Nighthawk can be spent on a different mission that does it better.”

Modernizing our equipment to keep up with technology is another factor in the presidential budget proposal.

“While [Holloman Airmen] love their job working on F-117As, they understand the need to modernize our Air Force and are willing to go along with the change to continue being the most lethal and respected Air Force in the world,” said Chief Johnson.

“The Nighthawk might be the best weapon system for war today, but is it the best weapon system for war tomorrow?” General Schmidt asked, “or, as the Air Force gets smaller, is there something else that will do the job better?”

On a larger scale, the budget proposal is not simply about the

F-117A, but other systems as well, he said.

While the next step for Holloman has yet to be determined pending the outcome of the president’s budget proposal, Team Holloman members should “have faith and count their blessings here,” said General Schmidt.

“Were building a new BX and housing, roads are being upgraded and our allies are stationed here,” he said.

The Air Force investment in

Holloman appears to be long-standing.

“I wouldn’t despair because as the F-117A continues to grow older, we’re putting out new systems.” General Schmidt said. “Holloman’s a great candidate for future investments in those systems. And, all signs say this is a wonderful place for tactical training.”

Chief Johnson is also confident Holloman will handle whatever changes it may face with ease.

“We’ve seen many changes in the past few years and will continue to see many more, possibly on an ever greater scale, in the future,” he said. “There’s no doubt in my mind Holloman can handle anything thrown their way.”

General Schmidt said he was also impressed with Holloman.

“As I look at the base, this base is growing quality, capability, it’s a great place for an Airman to come,” he said. “What a great community this is.”

# HOLLOMAN SALUTES



The following Airmen graduated from the First Term Airman’s Course Feb. 3:

### 49th Operations Support Squadron

Airman 1st Class David Easley

### 49th Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class Paul Ayure  
Airman 1st Class Nicholas Johnson  
Airman 1st Class Tanner Weimer

### 49th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron

Airman 1st Class Donald Young  
Airman 1st Class Guadalupe Young  
Airman Basic Leslie Doome

### 49th Security Forces Squadron

Airman 1st Class Joseph Serrano  
Airman 1st Class Patrick Villa  
Airman Joshua McConnel  
Airman Pierre Smith Jr.

### 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class Michael Dorminey  
Airman Kameron Harvey

### 49th Medical Support Squadron

Airman 1st Class Derrell Coakley

### 49th Contractor Squadron

Airman Basic Timothy Bell

### 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Airman Basic Krystal Allen

## Test measurement, diagnostic experts keep AF calibrated

### *Deployed Holloman NCO says Airmen are 'system experts'*

**by Master Sgt. Stanley Coleman**

*379th Air Expeditionary Wing  
Public Affairs*

SOUTHWEST ASIA — The precision measurement equipment laboratory's claim to fame is being the only 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron workgroup serving the entire area of responsibility.

The team falls under the responsibility of the test measurement and diagnostic equipment flight.

The laboratory ensures the correct functioning of any piece of equipment used to make a qualitative or quantitative measurement. The services they provide include calibrating hospital equipment, maintenance test equipment and aircraft instrument test sets.

The various responsibilities within the team include lab chief, technicians, quality assurance, and scheduling and coordinating shipping and receiving equipment for maintenance and calibration.

"My responsibility involves scheduling equipment from 201 work centers within eight countries in the area," said Staff Sgt. Anthony Loverde, PMEL technician. "Customers don't always realize their equipment is due for calibration."

The number of incoming equipment serviced by the team is continually rising. Within the past six months, the workload has increased by 1,200 items.

"I am the customer's first contact within the laboratory for equipment concerns," said Staff Sgt. Donald Sheppard Jr., PMEL technician and noncommissioned officer in charge of production control, equipment scheduling and traffic management. "I have to balance the daily inprocessing of equipment, notify customers of equipment for pickup, track overdue equipment and manage the distribution of incoming and outgoing equipment."

The challenges of maintaining contact with various customers

include units constantly moving within the area and shipping to a wrong or nonexistent location. But tracking equipment is not the only concern for the team.

"I direct and oversee the maintenance and quality assurance of more than 8,600 items of test measurement and diagnostic equipment," said Master Sgt. Kenneth Cheek, PMEL chief. "The National Institute of Standards and Technology's set of absolute standards are references we use for all of the measurements we make. Time, distance, mechanical, electronic, finite to infinite — we cover the entire spectrum of measurements."

Diversity is a big part of this job, Sergeant Cheek said.

"We support postal workers, flightline maintainers and medical personnel by ensuring their equipment is accurate," said Staff Sgt. Kenneth Tottle, TMDE craftsman.

If an item of equipment can measure something, PMEL technicians ensure that measurement is accurate.

Training for PMEL includes 23 weeks of basic electronic theory and operation and another 24 weeks of applying that knowledge to specific equipment. Training in the fundamentals of metrology [the science of weights and measures] is also required.

"Training is ongoing," said Tech. Sgt. James Boswell, a TMDE craftsman. "Due to the diversity of equipment, it is not uncommon in our career field for young Airmen to be the system experts for some items. When training is needed, we freely share that knowledge with other technicians. There isn't a stigma in our career field for an experienced NCO to ask help from a junior Airman when they are more familiar with a task."

Sergeant Boswell is currently deployed from the 49th Fighter Wing Maintenance Squadron, where he serves as unit deployment manager. - (AFPN)



# AFPC begins tests of new civilian self-service personnel system

by retired Spc. James Matise  
Sunburst staff writer

The Air Force has begun testing a new self-service system for Air Force civilian employees to view and update their personnel information.

My Biz, a Web-based application, will allow civilian employees 24-hour access to their personnel information from .mil domains. In My Biz, civilians can maintain their own personal information, such as personnel profiles, benefits and training, and periodically provide input to their supervisors on employee benefit plans.

“My Biz falls perfectly in step with the Air Force’s vision to transform the way personnel information is provided to and accessible by its military personnel and civilian employees,” said Air Force Personnel Center Personnel Systems Program Manager Mr. Chuck Zedek in a Feb. 3 news release. “Customer-oriented access such as this will enable civilians to get personnel information they need when they need it.”

The initial testing of the application is currently being conducted at Dobbins Air Force Base, Ga., Ellsworth AFB, S.D., Shaw AFB, S.C., Fairchild AFB, Wash., Laughlin AFB, Texas, Malmstrom AFB, Mont., Schriever AFB, Colo., Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany and Tinker AFB, Okla.

According to AFPC, employees at the test bases will be able to view data related to their civilian employment and will have limited capability to update their e-mail address, work phone number,

handicap code, language, race and national origin. Employees may also view appointments, current and historical position information, salary, awards, benefits, bonus and performance information.

“It’s restricted right now to the test bases,” said Mr. Blaine Jackson, Holloman civilian personnel officer. “Eventually it will come to all of us.”

Testing included a special test scheduled Thursday to ensure the system could sustain performance during periods of high customer demand, AFPC said. During the test, employees at all the test installations were asked to access the Web site at the same time.

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**Mr. Chuck Zedek**  
*Air Force Personnel Center  
personnel systems program manager*

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“They’re basically just stress testing it,” Mr. Jackson said. “Once the test is over, we’ll know if it will deploy Air Force-wide.”

The testing is scheduled to end Wednesday, AFPC said.

Many of the items My Biz offers are already available online, but My Biz should create a “one-stop shop” for viewing personnel information

and allow limited updating capability, Mr. Jackson said.

“The current system just allows you to view your files,” he said. “This brings it all together.”

Team Holloman has approximately 900 civilian employees, including 49th Fighter Wing, the 46th Test Group and employees in El Paso serviced by Holloman who will have access to My Biz, Mr. Jackson said.

My Biz is scheduled to be fully implemented by June and will be accessible at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cfa/MyBiz/MyBiz.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cfa/MyBiz/MyBiz.htm).

## Submission guidelines

Submissions to the *Sunburst* are due by close of business Friday one week prior to the expected publication date.

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Submissions to the *Sunburst* must include: event title, date, time, place, a brief description of the event, the first and last names and ranks and a phone number or e-mail address for contact information.

Meeting deadlines does not guarantee that information will run. All information must be edited before being published in the *Sunburst*, and submissions run on a priority, space-available basis.

## Chapel services

**Weekday Masses** – 11:30 a.m.  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday  
and Friday.

**Sunday** – Catholic Mass, 9  
a.m. and 5 p.m.

- Sacrament of Penance, 4  
p.m.

- General Protestant Worship  
Service, 11 a.m.

- Protestant Sunday School is  
9:30 a.m. and Catholic Religious  
Education is 10:30 a.m. at Hol-  
loman Intermediate School.



Photo by Senior Airman Jason Colbert

## Chiefly speaking

**Command Chief Master Sgt. Wade Johnson, 12th Air Force command chief, speaks to students at the Airman Leadership School at Holloman Feb. 3. Chief Johnson and Lt. Gen. Mark Schmidt, 12th Air Force and U.S. Southern Command Air Forces commander, conducted an official base visit Feb. 1 to Feb. 3.**

# AF releases religious guidelines

by Staff Sgt. Julie Weckerlein

*Air Force Print News*

WASHINGTON – The Air Force released a revised version of its religious guidelines Thursday, the latest step in a process started after a review at the U.S. Air Force Academy indicated a need for additional guidance.

Air Force Directorate of Personnel officials issued a first set of interim guidelines in August. The newly revised version was written after getting diverse feedback and careful consideration of the U.S. Constitution, law and military necessity.

“This interim guidance outlines the basic principles we expect all military and civilians to follow as we solidify formal policy,” said Lt. Gen. Roger Brady, Air Force deputy chief of staff for personnel.

After the first set of guidelines was released, the Air Force received feedback from members of Congress, the public, religious groups, members of groups professing no faith, legal and civil liberties groups and individual citizens. In addition, more than 500 active, Reserve and Guard Airmen from eight Air Force bases were also interviewed.

“The feedback fell into three camps – that we got the guidelines about right, that we went too far in imposing constraints on religious expression and that we didn’t go far enough in avoiding establishment [neutrality] problems,” General Brady said. “Basically, the views of Airmen reflected those you hear from across the spectrum in the greater American

population.”

The most obvious change in the latest set of guidelines is its length; it is now one page long as opposed to four.

“We found that we could more effectively express them [the guidelines] with leaner, broader verbiage,” General Brady said. “These guidelines help clarify religious respect issues and provide a simple document that is easy for all Airmen to comprehend.”

The Air Force’s guidance on the freedom of expression by chaplains is also clarified.

“The guidelines address prayer at military events, but in no way restrict private prayer or chaplains’ activities in religious settings,” General Brady said. “We respect the rights of chaplains to adhere to the tenets of their individual faiths and they will not be required to participate in religious activities – including public prayer – inconsistent with their faiths.”

“This is an open and honest debate, so another interim period is appropriate prior to this [set of guidelines] being made the final version,” he said.

Although the national debate about religious guidance in the military will continue, General Brady said he is confident the Air Force is moving in the right direction.

“We’ll reach our goal for all Air Force members to understand their responsibilities as Airmen and their rights as Americans,” he said. “When coupled with respect for each other, the freedoms we enjoy strengthen our ability to perform our shared purpose to defend the United States.” – (AFP)N

# Society, culture bound together through values

by Lt. Col. William Barrett  
49th Materiel Maintenance  
Squadron commander

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All too often we take the things most important to us for granted and then risk losing them. Our values can suffer this same fate if we are not aware of how they guide us through life.

Values are principles or standards held by an individual or group of people and they unify us by establishing common beliefs about how we should think and act. If we compromise or neglect our values, our personal relationships suffer and society as a whole begins to break down. It is important we uphold, consider and apply our system of values to live meaningful, enriched lives as individuals and as a society.

The Air Force requires every Airman and civilian employee to adopt and apply the Air Force core values in all aspects of service. These core values are unifying bonds that tie us together – they are the basis for the teamwork essential to our success.

“Integrity First” is the foundation of our trust in one another and the source of America’s respect for our Air Force.

“Service Before Self” is preparing to make the ultimate sacrifice if necessary; however, most of us will never be tested against this. Instead, our focus must be on placing the daily needs of the Air Force, our units, our peers and our subordinates above our own personal interests. There is no place for self-serving decisions or actions made at the expense of others or the mission.

“Excellence in All We Do” makes us the most revered Air Force in the world. It drives us to be the best at what we do. We must develop a passion for putting everything we have into every task so we can say to ourselves at the end of the day, “nothing more could have been done.” Striving for perfection instead of just getting by is intrinsically rewarding, but there is also a moral imperative to con-

sider. We are entrusted with the nation’s finest people and precious resources to accomplish a mission; we cannot squander the public trust or those resources. While these core values are essential to mission success, they are not limited to the values that guide us in our lives.

Our Air Force core values are really just the start of a system of values we must consciously develop and apply every day. We must weave into our Air Force core values the societal, family and personal values necessary to be good citizens pursuing individual, healthy lifestyles.

Societal values, like our Air Force core values, are established in cultures that have common interests, goals or beliefs. These values are developed through association with formal organizations, like churches, where they are necessary to share and sustain beliefs in a common faith. Societal values are also essential among individual people such as hunters and outdoor enthusiasts who are not formally associated with an organization but have bonded through common interests. These people develop and apply common values that bind them together to maintain their common interests. Applying societal values requires more than compliance with rules and laws of society. It requires our personal understanding and commitment to the basic principles that are the foundation of those rules and laws. Our failure to apply these values in our daily lives may ultimately result in expulsion from that segment of society with which we broke faith.

We also need to develop, share and apply values important to maintaining the integrity of our families. The decision to start a family must not be taken lightly. It requires purposefully building a foundation of love, trust and commitment to endure the inevitable changes time brings. Shared family values must be developed and applied continuously by both partners and then later by parents and children alike if the family is to

successfully grow and change. Marriages and families can break apart if relationships are started without establishing common family values or upholding or applying these values on a daily basis.

Finally, our personal values are important for establishing self-confidence, self-esteem and self-discipline. We can decide to adopt positive or negative personal values. The majority of us adopt positive values such as respect for others, respect for

ourselves and loyalty to friends. These values are consciously developed and purposefully applied. But when we do not make an effort to develop or apply positive values, we risk accepting negative values. These negative values are unhealthy and often lead to physical and mental illness.

It is important we understand where our values come from and how they should be applied. Life offers many opportunities for us to be tested. When we are

faced with decisions that lie in gray or unfamiliar areas within our value system, our understanding of personal and shared values will allow us to make the right decisions and take the right actions. This outcome can only be guaranteed if we periodically reflect on our value systems and know how to apply them in unfamiliar situations or tough times. In doing this, we can enjoy meaningful lives and preserve the liberties we enjoy for generations to follow.





## *Tech. Sgt. Gary M. Mansell 49th Security Forces Squadron*

**Duty title:** military working dog section NCO in charge

**Time in service:** 10 years

**Time at Holloman:** one year

**Home town:** Kane, Pa.

**Personal and career goals:** Personal goals: complete my master's degree in Human Relations within the next two years. Career goals: continue with the growth the MWD section has worked together as a team to achieve and prepare the MWD handlers to maintain that success after each of us progresses to the next level of our careers.

**Why is serving in the Air Force important to you?** The Air Force is important to me because I take pride in having the ability to serve our country. Not every American has the ability to make the needed sacrifices required of military service.

**What is the highlight of your Holloman tour?** The highlight of my Holloman tour was when my wife and I welcomed our first child, Kayla Liberty, to our family.

**What is your favorite quote?** "A pint of sweat will save a gallon of blood." – *Gen. George S. Patton Jr.*

**What motivates you to be a better Airman?** I motivate myself to be a better Airman by never being satisfied or allowing myself to become complacent – seeking out all opportunities to continue to improve as a leader and not being afraid to think "outside the box."

**How do you set an example for other troops?** I set the example for my troops by always maintaining a positive approach to all situations and developing them to perform duties at the next level in their careers.



Photo by retired Spc. James Matise

# Discovering a piece of Holloman history

*'Blurry microfilm' leads to re-creation of original wing patch*

**by Master Sgt. Greg Henneman**  
*49th Fighter Wing historian*

Historical research often results in hours spent trying to find information only to realize the very thing you have been looking for has been lost to time.

Sometimes, however, you recover something that has been completely forgotten.

During two tours as 49th Fighter Wing historian, there have been many times I've needed the Alamogordo Army Air Field emblem. Despite researching the Air Force Historical Research Agency database and contacting the few surviving veterans from the World War II era, no such emblem had ever been found.

Recently, while researching an unrelated project, I came across a blurry image on a role of microfilm stating "The Alamogordo Army Air Field insignia, the first such insignia to be approved for any unit in the Second Air Force, made its appearance during the month of September 1944."

Further research resulted in locating a document signed by then base commander, Col. R. C. Wriston, announcing approval of the emblem. In a letter to the emblem designer, First Sergeant Henry N. Frey, Colonel Wriston stated the design "was considered by me to be so excellent as to warrant its submission as the official insignia of the 231st AAF Field Unit."

The memorandum went on to state the emblem gained approval of the Army Air Forces commanding general without change and that it was "authorized for all planes permanently assigned to this station, field jackets, flight jackets and

gold, includes a bombardier clad in brown, struggling up a floating cloud, white trimmed with blue. The bomb about to be dropped is painted a very light blue, with the two rims pink in color. Supervising this scene of destruction, apparently with knowing eye and lemon-yellow beak is the black crow."

With this sketchy description to go on, Mr. Don Larsen, 49th Maintenance Group, found a black and white drawing of the patch from a 1944 issue of the base newspaper.

With the color descriptions given on the microfilm and the black and white drawing from Mr. Larsen, Tech. Sgt. Ken Lustig, 49th Communications Squadron Visual Information, went to work.

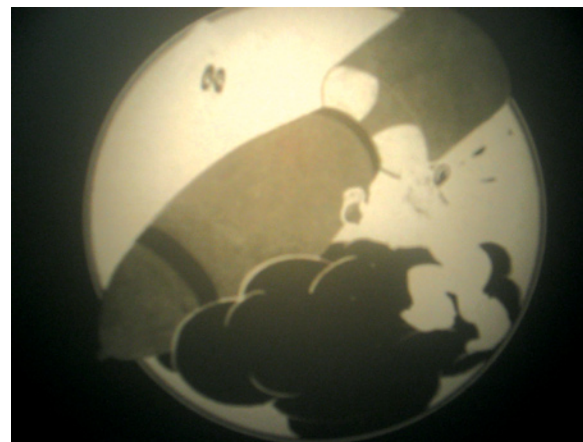
"The image was a thumbnail-sized, blurry negative that was nearly unrecognizable," said Sergeant Lustig. "After a tedious process of scanning, enlarging and digital retouching, Sergeant Henneman and I were able to restore some of the details."

From its conception in 1944 to its recreation this year by Sergeant Lustig, the original emblem of Alamogordo Army Air Field is shown for the first time in seven

decades.

According to Sergeant Lustig, these restoration projects help preserve history and heritage.

"These projects put the present in perspective," he said. "Working on this project was a small way to reach back and touch the past and bring back something for the future."



Microfilm photo courtesy of the 49th FW historians office

**The microfilm recently discovered by Master Sgt. Greg Henneman, 49th Fighter Wing historian, containing the original World War II era wing patch was barely legible.**



**Tech. Sgt. Ken Lustig, 49th Fighter Wing Visual Information, was able to recreate Holloman's original wing patch through a process involving digital retouching and scanning.**

coveralls."

Although I had now discovered this elusive emblem, the monochromatic microfilm image left as many questions as answers. Blurred by poor photography and time, most lines on the image could not be read clearly and we were left with only a narrative description of the emblem: "against a background of

# Air Force uniform board panel releases changes, some effective immediately

WASHINGTON — The 97th Air Force Uniform Board released their newest results for proper wear of the uniform.

The board met in October and discussed everything from eliminating the Air Force Good Conduct Medal to maternity uniforms. In addition, a Headquarters Air Force badge will be available this summer. The badge provides a distinct identification of military staff members assigned to the Air Staff and the Air Force Secretariat. Details about this badge will be available at a future date.

The following changes are effective immediately:

- Approval to wear the blue name tag with the Air Force informal uniform; member's abbreviated rank and name will be on one line: this uniform is worn by recruiters, honor guard, enlisted aides, chaplains, chaplain assistants, world-class athletes, and fitness center and health and wellness

center staffs

- Cummerbund pleats will face up for both male and female

- If a temporary medical condition, such as chemotherapy, results in baldness, commanders will authorize the approved American Cancer Society cap, wigs or baldness while in uniform

- Bracelet size is reduced to one-half inch.; bracelets supporting a cause, philosophy, individual or group are not authorized; traditional POW/MIA bracelets are still permitted. Gemstone and tennis bracelets are only authorized while wearing the mess dress

- Rings will be worn at the base of the finger and not on the thumb, wedding sets count as one ring

- Eyeglasses will not be worn around the neck, top or back of the head or hanging on uniform

- Epoxy blue name tag is optional on the

blue shirt

- Wear of the firefighter duty badge is authorized while an individual is assigned a 3E7X1 duty Air Force specialty code, including periods of professional military education and staff tours above group level

- Wear of the Security Forces duty badge and beret is authorized while an individual is assigned a 3PXXX duty AFSC position and is also their primary AFSC, including PME attendance and staff tours above group level

- The Air Force Good Conduct Medal will no longer be awarded, previously earned medals are still permitted

- Mandatory wear of the physical training uniform is set for Oct. 1 as per instructions released in November

- Cell phones, pagers and personal digital assistants must be solid or covered in black, silver, dark blue or gray and con-

servative; they may be clipped to the left side of the waistband or purse or carried in left hand; only one may be worn on the uniform belt.

- Members will not walk in uniform while using phones, radios or hands-free headsets unless required in performing official duties using a government-issued device

- Permanent wear of the scuba badge is authorized on the battle dress uniform

- While not deployed, desert combat uniforms may not be worn unless en route to the basic combat convoy course; “deployed” for this purpose includes members traveling en route to or from rest and recuperative leave from the Central Command area of responsibility, as outlined in policy announced in mid-2005 - **(AFPN)**

*Uniform deletions will be announced in the next issue of the Sunburst.*



# Air Force Core Values

- Across

1. Church bench

4. Obese

7. JDs, possibly

10. Mocks

12. One-time Supreme Court nominee Harriet

14. Shingle

15. Badger

16. Pushes

17. Wickedness

18. Wearing away

20. Readily

21. Sounds off

22. St. home to Arnold AFB

23. Reversed

26. Adores

27. Compact \_\_\_\_

28. Capital of state home to Malmstrom AFB

31. Start of fundamental value binding all Airmen

37. Hit

38. Joy

39. Perpendicular

41. Uplands

42. Fishhook

43. Overindulge

46. \_\_\_\_-\_\_-war

47. Start of fundamental value
- binding all Airmen

51. Celebrity

52. More terrible consequences

53. Slant

55. Actress Russo

56. Ratio

57. Dorothy’s pet

58. “Greater good” ad

59. Modem speed, in short

60. Trespass
- Down

1. Golf score

2. Historic

3. End of 31-across

4. End of 47-across

5. Navy cruiser

6. Palm product

7. Holy

8. 1986 Sci-Fi movie

9. End of 11-down

11. Start of fundamental value binding all Airmen

12. Elementary particle

13. Mil. identifier

14. Pat Robertson or Jimmy Swaggart

19. Primary color

22. Singer Braxton

23. Ulan-\_\_\_\_; Southern Russia

city

24. \_\_\_\_\_ the plan; veto

25. USAF medal above Airman’s Medal

26. Confederate general

28. Chick

29. 67°30 east of due north, in short

30. Display panel

32. Page

33. On the \_\_\_\_; escaping

34. USAF PME

35. Grassland

36. Mil. pay statement

39. Impure quartz stones

40. Fruit

41. Russian space station

43. Belt

44. Shrugs off
- 
45. Shrek

46. Car lot price, in short

47. CACs

48. Cut

49. Boxing outcomes

50. Abominable snowman

54. Korean currency

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### Memorial service

A memorial service for Ms. Cora Ahrens, former librarian, is scheduled 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the base library. All are welcome to come celebrate her life. Refreshments will be provided. Limited library services and computers will be available to customers during this time.

For more information, call the base library at 572-3501.

### Arnold Avenue

“Arnold Avenue Phase One” will be open Monday for through traffic. “Repair Arnold Avenue Phase Two” will also start Monday. Arnold Avenue will be closed from First Street to just west of Cliffrose Street. No left turns are allowed on Arnold Avenue.

School operations and Desert Estates housing will be impacted the most and should take precautions in the construction zone. Housing occupants will use Sumac Street as the only entrance and exit. Student drop off and pick up will be at the thoroughfare off Arizona Avenue. Please use extra caution and patience in the work area.

Estimated completion date for the project is early April. For more information, contact Ms. Lesalee Arana at 572-7754.

### Oktoberfest logo competition

The German Air Force Flying Training Center is looking for a logo for this year’s Oktoberfest. The logo should be saved in a .jpg format and should include the following points:

- “10. Oktoberfest” and “Holloman,” there should be no year in the logo
- The U.S. and German flags, possibly the Bavarian flag (blue and white diamonds) or other symbols that characterize the two countries
- The sun of New Mexico
- The F-117A and the German fighter-bomber Tornado
- Some typical symbols of the Oktoberfest, such as steins, mugs, pretzels or instruments

The winner of the competition gets a one-hour flight over the Alamogordo area.

All logos should be submitted to 1st Lt. Alexander Gloeckler at [AlexanderGloeckler@bundeswehr.org](mailto:AlexanderGloeckler@bundeswehr.org) by Feb. 28.

### Roller hockey

The Alamogordo Roller Hockey Association has open player registration 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Alamogordo roller hockey rink on Dale Scott Avenue across from Yucca Elementary School. Fees are \$45 for new players. Age categories are 10 and under, 14 and under, 17 and under and adults. Coaches and referees are always welcome and needed. For more information, contact Brent at 479-4378, Klaus at 437-2381 or Steve at 434-3960.

### YMCA competition

The Armed Services YMCA is sponsoring an essay contest and an art contest for military children. Information and entry paperwork can be found on the Web at [www.asymca.org](http://www.asymca.org). The deadline for the art contest is Tuesday and the essay contest entries must be postmarked by March 17.

### Briefings

This month’s First-term Airman Informed Decision Briefing will begin at 7:50 a.m. Feb. 21 at the Professional Development Center, building 451. This briefing is mandatory for all first-term Airmen within 15 months or less of their date of separation.

The Second-term Airman Career Briefing will begin 1 p.m. Feb. 23 at the Professional Development Center. This briefing is mandatory for all second-term Airman within 15 months or less of their date of separation.

Uniform wear is mandatory. Mil-to-mil couples are encouraged to attend together. For more information, call Master Sgt. Laura Santos, Team Holloman career assistance advisor, at 572-5512.

### Dependent IDs

The Air Force Publishing Distribution Center has announced they are out of DD Forms 1173, Dependent ID cards.

DD Form 1172 in lieu of ID card: The card recipient will carry the expired/expiring ID card along with a printed DD Form 1172 re-verified every 90 days at Military Personnel Flight Customer Service, ID Card Section. All dependents who need this form must have their sponsors or current Powers of Attorney with them at the time of re-verification.

Remarks block 89 will be highlighted with the dependent’s date of return to the MPF for a new, re-verified form until new card stock is received. MPF will verbally advise the recipient to return every 90 days.

Updates will be provided as available. For more information, contact Mr. Randall Yoder, MPF Customer Service, 572-0064.

### HazMart free issue program

Paints and other materials are available at HazMart through the free-issue program. This program allows authorized users to obtain a variety of non-hazardous and hazardous materials free of charge.

To qualify, your shop must be authorized for the item and the product must be in HazMart’s free-issue area. No authorization is needed for latex paint.

For more information, call the HazMart at 572-7899, 572-3093 or 572-7608.

### Eaglet adventures

Holloman Primary School is introducing an after-school program called Eaglet Adventures for their students and parents, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. starting Tuesday and continuing until May. The club will meet every Tuesday in the Holloman Primary Big Room.

For more information, call 479-6122.



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from Feb. 3 to Monday:

## Tickets issued

There were 13 tickets issued: Four for parking against the flow of traffic, four for parking in an illegal space, two for failure to stop, one for failure to use a turn signal, one for failure to maintain equipment and one for driving without a license.

## Property loss, damage or theft

• Feb. 3: An Airman reported his vehicle had been damaged while parked at building 33. Upon returning to his quarters he had found a 10-inch-long dent on the rear left quarter panel. The damage was estimated at \$250.

• Feb. 4: A civilian reported the Enlisted Club sign had been damaged. The letter E was discovered broken at 11:15 a.m.

## Patrol response

• Feb. 3: An NCO reported an Airman was within a controlled area without a line badge near building 868. The Airman was briefed and released to a supervisor.

• Feb. 3: A civilian reported three individuals were taking photographs of the flight line from Bong Street near building 894. Security Forces made contact with four officers who stated they were on temporary duty from another installation and did not

realize they were not allowed to take photographs without authorization. All film was destroyed.

• Feb. 4: An unknown individual dialed 911 from the base library and hung up the phone. Security Forces determined there was no emergency at the library.

• Feb. 4: An Airman reported a stray canine at building 587. The canine was transported to the base shelter for safekeeping and was transported Feb. 6 to the Alamogordo Animal Shelter.

• Feb. 4: A civilian reported another civilian was suffering from leg and back pain at the base commissary. The patient was transported to Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center for treatment.

• Feb. 6: An officer reported a wild coyote in the intersection of Mesquite Drive and Patterson Road. Security Forces made contact with the animal and persuaded it to leave the area.

• Feb. 6: An NCO reported vehicles speeding in the parking lot of building 310. Security Forces arrived but could not locate any speeding vehicles.

• Feb. 6: A civilian reported a stop sign was missing at the intersection of Eighth Street and Delaware Avenue. It was determined the sign had apparently been taken down. The 49th Civilian Engineer Squadron said it would replace the sign.

• Feb. 6: A civilian reported an occupant of a vehicle on U.S. 70 was taking photographs of the installation. Public Affairs was contacted and verified the photographer was a member of the media awaiting PA escort onto the installation. Investigation revealed no violations.

• Feb. 6: A civilian made a wrong turn at the main gate. The civilian stated she was lost and was headed to El Paso, Texas.

• Feb. 6: An Airman reported another Airman was injured playing basketball at the Fitness and Sports Center. The injured Airman was transported to Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center for treatment.

## Crossword answers



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**Munich (R)**  
6 p.m. Friday

**Fun With Dick and Jane (PG-13)**  
6 p.m. Saturday

**The Ringer (PG-13)**  
6 p.m. Sunday



## BRIEFS

### Alamogordo Community Education

Alamogordo's Community Education Department Spring 2006 courses are available. Community Education, located in the Tays Center across from the NMSU-A campus in Alamogordo, provides an opportunity to pursue classes in many special interest areas such as arts and crafts, fitness, cooking, languages and music. Costs for these classes begin as low as \$20 with many in the \$30-40 range.

Course booklets are available at the Airman and Family Readiness Center, and more information is available on the Web at <http://alamo.nmsu.edu/community/ace.html>.

For more information, call Ms. Lesalee Arana at 572-7754 or Ms. Joan Griggs at 439-3842.

### Scholarships

The Aerospace Education Foundation has 30 scholarships available, each for \$1,000, for active-duty Air Force spouses. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a regionally accredited college or university and hold a 3.5 or higher grade point average.

A two-page, double-spaced essay describing academic and career goals and what motivated the applicant to this decision is required. Also required are two letters of recommendation, which should be character references and descriptions of performance and potential as a student, employee or volunteer.

Applications are available on the Web at [www.aef.org/aid/spouse.asp](http://www.aef.org/aid/spouse.asp) or at the Base Training and Education Office. Ap-

plication deadline is April 15.

For more information, call 572-3971.

### Tops in Blue

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Tops in Blue program, scheduled for Sunday at the Tays Center on North Scenic Drive in Alamogordo.

For more information, contact Mr. Mario Ceballos at the Whispering Sands Community Center, 572-7476.

### Cultural communications

The Department of Defense American Indian Cultural Communications Course is scheduled March 7 to March 9 at Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town, 800 Rio Grande Blvd. NW, Albuquerque, N.M. The course will begin 8 a.m. March 7 and end 5:30 p.m. March 9. Registration will also be available 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. March 6 for early arrivals.

This course is designed to help DoD personnel better understand and implement the Department's American Indian and Alaska Native Policy.

There is no registration fee. If you're interested in attending, e-mail the following information to Ms. Laura Berg at [lberg@teleport.com](mailto:lberg@teleport.com): Your first and last name, military branch, installation/agency/district and city and state, rank if applicable, job title (no acronyms), email address, commercial phone number, dates of arrival and departure, any handicap accessibility requirements, preference for a smoking or nonsmoking room and your reasons for taking the class.

Please register no later than Monday.

### At the library

Celebrate Black History Month by browsing through the book and showcase display at the Base Library.

February is the National Children's Dental Health Month and the Base Library is teaming up with the Base Dental Clinic to show children how important their dental health is. Visit the library to see the dental display and the teeth.

February is also Library Lover's Month, so stop by the library to pick up a "Do's and Don'ts for Library Lovers" bookmark. Call 572-3939 for more information.

### Red Cross

The Family Child Care program, in cooperation with the Airman and Family Readiness Center and the Red Cross office, provides childcare for individuals who volunteer with one of these base agencies. Interested volunteers should contact the Family Childcare program at 572-5848, AFRC at 572-7754 or the Red Cross office at 572-7066.

### Black History Month events

Storytelling at the Child Development Center, 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. today, Feb. 17 and Feb. 24. To volunteer, call Senior Master Sgt. Verna Williams at 572-5696.

Saturday Afternoon Movie Marathon, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at the Whispering Sands Community Activities Center. Movie matinee features are "Fat Albert," "The Wiz," "Car Wash," "Bebe's Kids" and "The Five Heart Beats." For more information, contact 1st Lt. Charnelle Joiner at 572-3785.

Career Day, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Feb. 23 at the Oasis Enlisted Club. For more information, contact Ms. Carolyn Peeler at 572-7004.

Black History Month luncheon, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Oasis Enlisted Club. The guest speaker will be Ms. Ruby Butler DeMesme, BearingPoint executive director. Tickets are \$6.50 for club members and \$8.50 for non-members. To purchase tickets, contact group/squadron points of contact. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Gerald Schenck at 572-3356.

The trivia contest runs through Feb. 24. Trivia questionnaires can be picked up at the Base Library, Airman and Family Readiness Center and Finance Customer Service.

### Annual awards

The 49th Fighter Wing 2006 Annual Awards Banquet will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Oasis Enlisted Club.

Entertainment is the U.S. Air Force Band of the West from San Antonio, Texas. The dress code for this function is mess dress or semi-formal for enlisted, evening gowns or business suits.

The wing will recognize the best Airman, NCO, senior NCO, first sergeant, company grade officer, junior civilian and senior civilian of the wing.

Contact your unit first sergeant for ticket information.

### Basketball tournament

The Black History Month Basketball Tournament is scheduled Feb. 17 to 19 at the Fitness and Sports Center. Cost is \$225 per team (men or women) with trophies for the first three places.

Call 572-3229 to sign up by Feb. 10.

### Working Out Woman

The Working Out Woman program meets at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There are no fees and children are welcome to accompany parents.

For more information on how this program works, please call Ms. Sue Musgrave at 479-9680.

### Retirement

Senior Master Sgt. David A. Urdahl is retiring after 24 years of service. His retirement ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Sierra Room of the Officers' Club.

### Heritage center

The Heritage Center is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Saturday to all ID card holders.

### Valentine fundraiser

The 49th Comptroller Squadron Unit Advisory Committee is taking orders for candy roses with attached messages to be delivered on base for Valentine's Day. The cost is \$2.50 per rose or three for \$6. Ordering will be available until Monday. The committee will also sell roses Tuesday in the break room of building 29.

To order, call Senior Airman Melissa Hedger at 572-3543 or Airman 1st Class Traci Hardaway at 572-3778.

### Lodging

Have family visiting and no space? Check with the Holloman Inn for space-available rooms. For more information, stop by the lodging front desk or call 572-3311.

## BRIEFS

### Survey

The 2005 Community Assessment Survey is just around the corner. The survey runs from March 15 to May 1. The results of the survey will be used to better respond to the needs of the Holloman community.

If you are selected to participate in the Web-based survey, please complete the survey. Computers are available at the Airman and Family Readiness Center, base library and the Community Center.

### Ministry night

The Protestant parish is holding a ministry night from 5:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the base chapel. The night opens with a light dinner provided by the chapel followed by Bible studies for men, women, teens and children. Child care is available at the chapel. For more information, call the chapel at 572-7211.

### Scholarships

The Holloman Officers' Spouses Club will award \$12,000 in scholarships to local students attending college during the 2006-2007 academic year. Scholarship amounts vary from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

Applicants must be a spouse or dependent child of an active duty, retired, POW/MIA or deceased Air Force member of the Holloman or White Sands Missile Range communities.

Applications are available at the Alamogordo, Tularosa and Cloudcroft high schools, the base library, education office and the Airman and Family Readiness Center. The application is also available online at [www.hollomanosc.com](http://www.hollomanosc.com) and must be postmarked by March 15.

For more information, call 443-0141 or 479-9468.

### Chess club

The chess club meets at 5 p.m. every Thursday at the Whispering Sands Community Center.

### Child care

The Family Child Care Program provides 20 hours of free child care for families involved in a PCS move. This care is avail-

able for 60 days prior to and 60 days after the move. All active duty members are eligible for this program. For more information, contact the Family Child Care Program at 572-5848 or the AFRC at 572-7754.

### Travelers welcome

The Information, Tickets and Travel office is open at the Whispering Sands Community Center. Tickets for theme parks and other events are available for purchase. Call 572-7476 for more information.

### HOSC thrift shop

The Holloman Officers' Spouses Club thrift shop will be open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Consignments are accepted 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday.

To prevent removal of items from our donation bins without authorization, please bring multiple donations or large donations by during operating hours or call 479-0529 to arrange for a special time to drop the items off.

### Moon premiere

The New Mexico premiere of the IMAX film "Magnificent Desolation: Walking on the Moon" will be held in conjunction with the opening of the White Sands Film Festival Feb. 23 at the Tombaugh IMAX Theater at the New Mexico Museum of Space History in Alamogordo. The film allows movie-goers to experience walking on the moon alongside the Apollo astronauts who stepped upon its surface, showcasing what these men saw, heard, felt, thought and did while on the lunar surface. For instance, Astronaut Alan Shepard played golf on the moon and was able to hit the ball almost half a mile because of the lack of gravity.

A special reception will be held at the IMAX Theater following the Feb. 23 premiere. The event is a fundraiser for the International Space Hall of Fame Foundation and features Apollo 7 Astronaut Walter Cunningham as guest of honor and speaker. Tickets to the event are on sale now at the museum, IMAX Theater and

Flickinger Center for Performing Arts. Only 100 tickets will be sold for the opening night event. The film will be open to the public beginning Feb. 24. For more information, contact the museum at 437-2840 or toll free (877) 333-6589, or visit [www.nmspacemuseum.org](http://www.nmspacemuseum.org).

### Film festival workshop

The White Sands Film Festival, scheduled Feb. 23-26 in Alamogordo, has announced two seminars this year.

Author and screenwriter Mr. Sam Smiley will explain the essential principles of screen writing and the key steps in creating a saleable script in "Screen Writing -- The Focus on Plot and Character," 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Feb. 24 in the atrium of First National Bank on 10th Street in Alamogordo.

Mr. Don Finn, casting partner of Mali Finn Casting in Los Angeles will explain what casting directors look for in "Auditioning for Film: The Art and the Business," 9:30 to 10:50 a.m. Feb. 26 in the atrium of First National Bank.

For more information on the White Sands Film Festival, call the Flickinger Center at 437-2202 or visit [www.whitesands-filmfestival.com](http://www.whitesands-filmfestival.com).

### Oliver Lee park

This month at the Oliver Lee Memorial State Park:

Ranch house tour, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Feb. 18, meet at the visitor center. The Lee Ranch House was originally built in 1893. Furnishings and displays provide a window into the history of early ranching in the Tularosa Basin.

"The Night Sky: A Cultural Clock," 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 25 at the park group shelter. View Dog Canyon at sundown and learn about celestial cycles and how early cultures used the night sky to time their daily lives. View the stars and constellations in the dark skies over Oliver Lee Memorial State Park. Bring red-lensed flashlights and binoculars if you wish.

For information on these programs, call 437-8284.